IIT Roorkee report on runway extension

1500. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any decision to extend the runway at Kullu airport on account of IIT Roorkee for not submitting its final report so far;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) by when IIT Roorkee is supposed to submit its final report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IIT Roorkee has submitted a technical feasibility report extension of runway by constructing a bridge over the river Beas. However, they have been further asked to prepare a Digital Terrain Map (DTM) of the obstructions around the site, so that operational feasibility can be studied by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(c) By May, 2007.

Airfield at Jharsuguda

†1501. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an unused airfield near Jharsuguda of Orissa which was used during the second World War;

(b) if so, whether it can be converted into a working airfield now; and

(c) whether any action is being taken by the Centre in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Jharsuguda airport which belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI) is not in use for last two decades. The airport needs major

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

infrastructural development for its operationalization. Depending on the interest shown by scheduled airlines AAI can consider further action.

Agreement with State Government of AP for airports expansion

1502. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has made an agreement with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for expansion of Vijayawada, Rajahmundary and Tirupati airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Andhra Pradesh for expansion and development of Vijayawada and Rajahmundary airports. As per the MoU, AAI will develop Vijayawada and Rajahmundary airports subject to the State Government acquiring and handing over the required additional land to AAI free of cost and free from all encumbrances alongwith some other concessions.

As regards Tirupati airport, there is no such MoU between AAI and the State Government.

Delay in services of Indian

1503. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delay in services of Indian in between Delhi-Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad-Delhi, Ahmedabad-Mumbai, Mumbai-Ahmedabad and other routes as well during 1-1-07 to 28-2-07;

(b) whether the management is not able to regulate the timing, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of delays after boarding; and